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**REQUEST  
FOR  
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)  
TRANSMITTAL**

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.

See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

<i>Application Number</i>	10/803,054
<i>Filing Date</i>	March 18, 2004
<i>First Named Inventor</i>	Katsuhiko TOMINAGA
<i>Group Art Unit</i>	1742
<i>Examiner Name</i>	Sikyin IP
<i>Attorney Docket Number</i>	VX042602

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application

**1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

- a.  Previously submitted
  - i.  Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on: January 10, 2006  
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
  - ii.  Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on: \_\_\_\_\_
  - iii.  Other \_\_\_\_\_
- b.  Enclosed
  - i.  Amendment/Reply
  - ii.  Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
  - iii.  Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
  - iv.  Other Petition for One-Month Extension of Time (for filing appeal brief)  
Amendment Transmittal Letter

**2. Miscellaneous**

- a.  Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)
- b.  Other \_\_\_\_\_

**3. Fees** The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a.  The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 50-1147.
 

i. <input type="checkbox"/> RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e). <span style="float: right;">04/11/2006 SZEWDIE1 00000044 10803054</span>
ii. <input type="checkbox"/> Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17). <span style="float: right;">01 FC:1801 790.00 OP</span>
iii. <input type="checkbox"/> Other <span style="float: right;">02 FC:1202 50.00 OP</span>
- b.  Check in the amount of \$ 960 (\$790 + \$120 + \$50) is enclosed.
- c.  Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

**SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED**

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Signature		Date	April 10, 2006

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